

Government of India
Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3842
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03-01-2019

Open Defecation Problem faced by Teen Age Girls

3842. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of **DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some media reports have come to the notice of the Ministry quoting a survey report titled TAG (Teen Age Girls) Report 2018 claiming that around 40 per cent of teenage girls in the country still going for open defecation;
- (b) whether the survey also found that 46 per cent of teenage girls use unhygienic materials during mensuration and that one out of every second girl was anaemic; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government therein?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)**

(a) and (b) Yes, Madam.

(c) The Government had launched the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) [(SBM(G))] with effect from 2nd October, 2014 with the aim to achieve universal sanitation coverage by 2nd October 2019 by providing access to toilet facilities to all rural households in the country. The focus of the scheme is on behavior change and usage of toilets. Menstrual hygiene management is one of the activities of Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) under SBM(G). Funds for SLWM activities with cap of Rs.7/12/15/20 lakh are provided to Gram Panchayats having upto 150/300/500/more than 500 households respectively. Since the launch of the SBM(G) on 2nd October 2014, 9.05 crore individual household toilets have been built. As a result, the national rural sanitation coverage has increased from 38.7% on 2.10.2014 to 98.23% as on 28.12.2018. 5,38,455 villages, 2,44,123 Gram Panchayats, 5788 Blocks, 578 Districts, and 26 States/UTs have been declared Open Defecation Free (ODF).